### Columbine survivor battles colon cancer with hope

“It’s very unusual for a 31-year-old to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer,” said one of Rund’s doctors, [Wells Messersmith](#), a Gastrointestinal Oncologist at UCHealth. “For the most part, this is a disease of elderly patients.”

*9News, Dec. 29, 2017*

### E. Coli Cases Linked To Romaine Lettuce

“Don’t just put them under the sink for a few seconds. I often will put it in a bowl and let it soak so I know the surfaces have been touched by the water. Then, I drain it and repeat that a couple of time,” said [Michelle Barron](#), director of infection control at the University of Colorado Hospital.

*CBS4, Jan. 5, 2018*

### Testing Kids for High Cholesterol

“The main reason (for screening) is to detect children and adolescents who have genetic reasons for having high cholesterol,” says [Stephen Daniels](#), pediatrician-in-chief at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*Colorado Parent, January 2018*

### Building a Case for Celiac Screening

“I agree with the overall conclusion that more evidence needs to be collected for [screening] the general population,” says [Marian Rewers](#), executive director of the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes.
**Edwin Liu**, director of the Colorado Center for Celiac Disease and a colleague of Rewers’ at CU of Colorado, is concerned that the recommendation sends an incorrect message about the importance of celiac symptoms. “Does it mean that if I’ve got celiac disease and I have symptoms, I only need to treat myself enough to control my symptoms? I don’t think that’s what they mean, but it might lead someone to start thinking this way.”

*Gluten-Free Living, Jan. 10, 2018*

**Vitamin D Supplements May Make Arteries Healthier**

“Looking at vitamin D earlier in life -- before there’s a lot of cardiovascular disease on board -- could be an encouraging improvement,” said **Robert Eckel**, director of the University of Colorado Hospital's Lipid Clinic. “We’re talking about primary prevention here.”

*Philadelphia Inquirer, Jan. 10, 2018*

**High Intensity Treadmill Exercise Effective in Early Parkinson Disease**

“There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating the benefits of a variety of types of exercise for people who have PD, including strength training, flexibility training, balance training and combination training approaches,” said **Margaret Schenkman**, Program Director for the Physical Therapy Program at the CU School of Medicine.

*MD Magazine, Jan. 9, 2018*

**2018: What’s Next in Pediatrics**

“The view of Medicaid as a program that supports working adults is really not the right picture from a pediatric standpoint. Unfortunately this gets way too little understanding by the public or by Congress,” said **Stephen Daniels**, of the CU School of Medicine.

*MedPage Today, Jan. 5, 2018*
Seven IPF Experts Named to NuMedii Advisory Board

Earlier this week, NuMedii, Inc. announced the official formation of an Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Advisory Board. Among the experts who have been named to the new Board of Advisors are David A. Schwartz, Professor of Medicine and Immunology, CU School of Medicine

Rare Disease Report, Jan. 10, 2018